

JUDGE DANIELS

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

ARISTA RECORDS LLC, a Delaware limited
liability company; ATLANTIC RECORDING
CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation; BMG
MUSIC, a New York general partnership;
CAPITOL RECORDS, INC., a Delaware
corporation; CAROLINE RECORDS, INC., a
New York corporation; ELEKTRA
ENTERTAINMENT GROUP INC., a Delaware
corporation; FONOVisA, INC., a California
corporation; INTERSCOPE RECORDS, a
California general partnership; LAFACE
RECORDS LLC, a Delaware limited liability
company; MAVERICK RECORDING
COMPANY, a California joint venture;
MOTOWN RECORD COMPANY, L.P., a
California limited partnership; SONY BMG
MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT, a Delaware general
partnership; UMG RECORDINGS, INC., a
Delaware corporation; VIRGIN RECORDS
AMERICA, INC., a California corporation;
WARNER BROS. RECORDS INC., a Delaware
corporation; and ZOMBA RECORDING LLC, a
Delaware limited liability company,

Plaintiffs,

-against-

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Defendants.

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Civil Action No.:

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EX PARTE APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO TAKE IMMEDIATE DISCOVERY

Plaintiffs, through their undersigned counsel, pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil
Procedure 26 and 45, the Declaration of Carlos Linares, and the authorities cited in the
supporting Memorandum of Law, hereby apply *ex parte* for an Order permitting Plaintiffs to take
immediate discovery.

In support thereof, Plaintiffs represent as follows:

1. Plaintiffs, record companies who own the copyrights in the most popular sound recordings in the United States, seek leave of the Court to serve limited, immediate discovery on a third party Internet Service Provider ("ISP") to determine the true identities of Doe Defendants, who are being sued for direct copyright infringement.

2. As alleged in the complaint, the Doe Defendants, without authorization, used an online media distribution system to download Plaintiffs' copyrighted works and/or distribute copyrighted works to the public. Although Plaintiffs do not know the true names of the Doe Defendants, Plaintiffs have identified each Defendant by a unique Internet Protocol ("IP") address assigned to that Defendant on the date and time of that Defendant's infringing activity.

3. Plaintiffs intend to serve a Rule 45 subpoena on the ISP seeking documents that identify each Defendant's true name, current (and permanent) addresses and telephone numbers, e-mail addresses, and Media Access Control ("MAC") addresses. Without this information, Plaintiffs cannot identify the Doe Defendants or pursue their lawsuit to protect their copyrighted works from repeated infringement.

4. Good cause exists to allow Plaintiffs to conduct this limited discovery in advance of a Rule 26(f) conference where there are no known defendants with whom to confer.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs apply *ex parte* for an Order permitting Plaintiffs to conduct the foregoing requested discovery immediately.

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~~PROPOSED~~ ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFFS' *EX PARTE* APPLICATION FOR
LEAVE TO TAKE IMMEDIATE DISCOVERY

Upon the Plaintiffs' *Ex Parte* Application for Leave to Take Immediate
Discovery, the Declaration of Carlos Linares, and the accompanying Memorandum of Law, it is
hereby:

ORDERED that Plaintiffs may serve immediate discovery on Time Warner Cable
to obtain the identity of each Doe Defendant by serving a Rule 45 subpoena that seeks

documents that identify each Doe Defendant, including the name, current (and permanent) addresses and telephone numbers, e-mail addresses, and Media Access Control addresses for each Defendant. The disclosure of this information is consistent with Time Warner Cable's obligations under 47 U.S.C. § 551(c)(2)(B).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT any information disclosed to Plaintiffs in response to the Rule 45 subpoena may be used by Plaintiffs solely for the purpose of protecting Plaintiffs' rights under the Copyright Act.

DATED: 2/1/08

By: George B. Donald
United States District Judge

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